Applying for Funds For a Study of On-Demand Transportation

CT Council on Developmental Disabilities

September, 2014





Amount: \$60,000

Purpose: Research the feasibility of an on demand system of transportation for individuals with disabilities in Connecticut. This study can consider the feasibility of technology (as utilized by systems such as UBER), volunteer networks, the use of underutilized accessible vehicles after hours and on weekends, or other solutions to providing an on demand system of transportation for persons with disabilities. This study can focus on the entire state, or on a targeted region.



- This funding is contingent on acceptance of the feasibility study and plan developed from January to July, 2014.
- Amount: \$100,000 per year for each year
- Purpose: Implement a pilot demonstration for years two and three of the project. The pilot will collect data on access and critical outcomes for people with disabilities, as well as process, cost and utilization data necessary to replicate the model.

Dates and Deadlines

- Deadline for applications is 4:30 PM October 15, 2014
- Award notifications will be sent out by December
 1, 2014
- MOU's will be developed and executed by December 31, 2014 for start up on January 1, 2015.
- First payment of 45% of the total award for the study will be sent upon execution of the MOU.
- Second proposal for the pilot will be submitted by August 31, 2015.



This schedule is based upon successful implementation and review of the projects.

First payment: 45% of awarded funding amount, paid upon execution of the MOU.

Second payment: 45% of awarded funding amount, based on recommendation of site visit team. Paid not later than April 1, 2015.

<u>Final Payment:</u> 10% of ANNUAL funding amount, upon receipt and acceptance of final report of feasibility study.

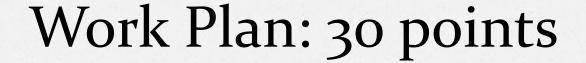


- There are five required sections to your narrative.
- Please follow the outline.
- Your grant is scored on each section and all sections are required.





- Mow will your project promote inclusion for all people with developmental disabilities into their communities?
- Consider data, what you know about people with developmental disabilities in the target area.
- Consider your past experiences and successes with a particular study or research process, and the likelihood of success using that model.



- The proposed goals, objectives and outcomes should be achievable within the funding cycle, clearly specified and measurable. Cleary state timelines, benchmarks.
- State why this approach is appropriate for the target population.
- Is anything in your proposal innovative?



- Will your project establish linkages with other agencies and organizations that support the target population?
- The application does not require letters of support unless specific partnerships or collaborations are named in the plan.
- Mow are consumers and parents involved in your project?

Work Plan

- Mow will you collect and provide data to evaluate your project?
 - -Process data
 - -Quantitative data
 - -Qualitative data
- You must indicate how you will measure the impact on people with disabilities.
- You may use the DD Council consumer satisfaction forms, or edit the forms to suit your needs.



- Have you encouraged applications for employment from persons who are people with developmental disabilities?
- What are the qualifications of the key people who will be involved with this project?
- Has the project director managed other grants?
- What is the experience of key personnel?



- Is your budget adequate to support your project activities?
- Are your costs reasonable and cost effective?
- Is there in-kind support?
- The Council requires a 25% in-kind, non-federal match for funds requested.



- Construction
- Litigation/lobbying
- Duplication, replacement or supplementing of private, state or federal funding.
- Any initiative that segregates people
- Any activities that will take place in facilities inaccessible to people in wheelchairs.



- What is the experience of your organization in managing grants?
- Include a management and supervision plan: How often will your staff meet? How will you review data and make adjustments to your plan?
- Discuss your ability to provide audits and financial reports.



- Where will your offices be located? Is this location accessible? Are other project venues accessible?
- What are the resources available in your office: equipment, computers, fiscal management staff, administrative staff, etc.
- Will you need to purchase any equipment with grant funds?



- The proposals will be reviewed and scored by members of the Council's Proposal Review Committee.
- The Proposal Review Committee will then make funding recommendations to be voted on by the full Council in November.
- Award letters will be sent by December 1, 2014.



- Submit an interim report on the feasibility study by March 1, 2015 prior to a site visit.
- Include an expenditure report with interim report.
- Submit a final report by July 31, 2015.
- Submit an audit by December 31, 2015.

QUESTIONS?

